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#### In the Name of the Most High

#### **Viewpoint**

## **Start of Another Gloomy** Gregorian Year

By: Kayhan Int'l Staff Writer

The West is celebrating January 1 as the New Year of the Gregorian calendar with the usual unbridled revelries by the public, while officials of the regimes, especially in London and Washington, after a night of debaucheries marked the start of 2025 with showers of missiles on Yemen, intensification of the NATO war in Ukraine.

In Occupied Palestine, the Zionists who do not celebrate the Christian New Year and have their own calendar, continue to take orders and weapons from the White House to worsen the plight of the people of Gaza - many of them starving to death in winter's cold with only makeshift camps to shelter them.

It means last midnights' messages of the monarchs, presidents, prime ministers, and chancellors, are as meaningless as in the past with nothing new in their contents.

In fact, their statements, including a few crocodile tears shed by some of them on the unabated holocaust in Gaza, were a shameless display of hypocrisy regarding problems plaguing the world due to their own misconstrued policies, and once again exposed these self-styled politicians as either naïve or

In view of these facts, world people, especially the oppressed ones, face the worsening of the crises carried over from the

The year that went by exposed the hypocrisy of the West and its unchristian policies in supporting the massacre in Gaza, the carnage in Lebanon, the vilification of the Islamic Republic of Iran, the unprovoked US-USK attacks on Yemen, and the terrorist takeover of Syria.

Thus, what makes prospects of progress dim in the New Year are not just political problems, but other vital issues like the inability or unwillingness to eradicate poverty, famine, and diseases worsening the social/cultural norms.

Then there is the unhindered release of greenhouse gases (by industrialized countries) that are tearing apart the Planet's protective Ozone layer, thereby letting in the Sun's ultraviolet rays which are not just hazardous for human health and plant life, but are melting the polar icecaps to make sea levels rise and submerge low lying coastal areas.

Does such an intransigent attitude bode well for resolution of problems, peace, harmony, and co-existence in the New Calendar Year?

Certainly not, and it means 2025 will be as gloomy as 2024 perhaps worse – because of the lack of sincerity, coupled with the absence of spiritual values in the West, especially in the US, whose state terrorism all over the world is the main cause of mankind's miserv.

At any rate, the new Gregorian calendar year will not have any effect on the resilience of Iran and its resolve to break newer grounds in all fields - nuclear energy, aerospace & satellites, ballistic missiles, stem cells, pharmaceuticals, cyber industries, artificial intelligence, and the promotion of Islamic sciences and culture, along with peace and stability in the region and beyond.

## President Pezeshkian: Coordination With **Leader Bedrock of Internal Cohesion**



This picture shows Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyed Ali Khamenei (L) and Iran's President Masoud Pezeshkian during a meeting with the president and his cabinet in Tehran on August 27, 2024.

TEHRAN - Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian described his administration's coordination with Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyed Ali Khamenei as a cornerstone for strengthening internal cohesion.

In an interview with the media office for the preservation and publication of the works of Imam Khamenei, President Pezeshkian discussed his regular meetings with the Leader of the Islamic

Pointing to his Tuesday meeting with the Leader, the president said the main concerns included inflation, control of prices, and resolving people's livelihood issues.

He provided details about the meeting, highlighting that the primary concern remains addressing the economic challenges faced by Iranian citizens, controlling prices, reducing poverty, and establishing social justice.

The president underscored that coordination with the Leader of the Islamic Revolution serves as a cornerstone for strengthening internal cohesion. "These meetings not only reinforce unity among the branches of government, but also facilitate the resolution of many of the country's problems," he stated.

The president stated that the primary focus of the recent meeting was on controlling inflation and the targeted allocation of subsidies. "Our objective is to ensure that subsidies reach the end consumer, and in this regard, teams have been established to examine the current trends," he said, khamenei.ir re-

Pezeshkian described another focal point of his recent meeting with Ayatollah Khamenei as strengthening ties with neighboring and independent countries. He emphasized that economic collaboration with these countries could bolster the national economy and open new avenues for trade.

In addressing a question regarding strategies to overcome the energy crisis and rectify its imbalances, the president underscored the crucial role of public participation. He stated, "If energy consumption in non-essential sectors is controlled, the resources obtained can be redirected towards improving people's livelihoods and advancing infrastructure projects."

He specifically highlighted the need for electricity and energy conservation, asserting, "These measures can effectively offer solutions without placing pressure on

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## **UN Envoy Refutes Allegations of** Iran's Involvement in Yemen Conflict

TEHRAN - Iran's ambassador and permanent representative to the United Nations Amir Saeid Iravani has categorically rejected the "unfounded and politically-motivated" allegations by the United States and Britain about Tehran's involvement in mounting tensions in the Red Sea region.

In identical letters addressed to the UN Secretary General António Guterres and the Security Council president on Monday local time, Iravani reacted to the claims made clous activities in the region. by representatives of the U.S. and the United Kingdom, and orches-

Israeli regime, against the Islamic Republic of Iran during the open briefing of the UN Security Council on December 30.

He wrote that the unsubstantiated allegations made by the Israeli representative Danny Danon and supported by the regime's closest ally, the United States, are an obvious attempt to scapegoat Iran to justify their own illegal actions and mali-

regime of Israel that has relentless-

trated by the representative of the ly pursued a policy of provocation and destabilizing activities, which poses a grave threat to peace and security in the region and beyond," Iravani pointed out.

The senior Iranian diplomat underlined that his country, as a responsible member of the United Nations, has always adhered to its obligations under international law and the United Nations Charter and has not been involved in any activity inconsistent with the relevant "It is not Iran but the belligerent Security Council resolutions.

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#### **Belarus Invites Iran to Monitor Elections**

TEHRAN - The Republic of Belarus invited Iran to observe the upcoming presidential elections in the East European nation in January

Ambassador of Belarus to Iran Dmitry Koltsov held a meeting with Iranian Deputy Interior Minister Ali Zeinivand in Tehran on

The Belarusian ambassador invited Zeinivand, the head of the Elections Headquarters of Iran, to visit Belarus with a delegation as an international observer of the upcoming presidential elections in his country.

The Iranian official welcomed the invitation, saying Iran holds the

most democratic and safest elections in the world.

The presidential elections in Belarus are scheduled to be held on January 26, 2025 under the terms of the constitution.

The president of Belar us is directly elected to serve a five-year

### **Commander: Iran-Iraq Borders Completely Secure**

TEHRAN - The commander of Iran's Border Guard ble interaction between the two countries, he added. Police Brigadier General Ahmad Ali Goudarzi has emphasized safeguarding the common borders with Iraq and said the Iran-Iraq border is completely secure.

Speaking in a meeting with Commander of the Border Forces of Iraq Lieutenant General Mohammed Abdul Wahab Sekr on Tuesday, Brigadier General Goudarzi said that the border guards of Iran and Iraq work side by side for the security of

the people of the two countries. Iran shares 1,609 kilometers of border with Iraq which is well controlled and managed with favora-

He also elaborated on the resolution of bilateral border issues and the development of relations between Iran and Iraq.

Meanwhile, Wahab Sekr expressed confidence that border cooperation would strengthen the security of the borders between the two countries.

He also noted that the Border Guard of Iraq is ready to provide security and facilitate the movement of pilgrims during Arbaeen Rituals in cooperation with the Border Guards of the Islamic Republic of Iran.



It is He Who hath sent His Messenger with guidance and the Religion of Truth, to proclaim it over all religion, even though the Pagans may detest

The Holy Qur'an (9:33) 

#### PRAYER TIMINGS

Noon (Zohr) 12:08

Evening(Maghreb) 17:22

07:14 Dawn(Fajr)" Tomorrow"

Sunrise "Tomorrow" 05:44

#### **Top Security** Official: Iran's **Nuclear Doctrine** Intact

TEHRAN - Head of Iran's Supreme National Security Council (SNSC) Ali-Akbar Ahmadian has said that the Islamic Republic's nuclear doctrine of pursuing peaceful energy and opposing pursuance of atomic weapons has remained "unchanged."

Ahmadian made the remarks in a meeting with Oman's Foreign Minister Badr Albusaidi in the Iranian capital Tehran.

"Based on the relevant observation of Iran's Leader Seyyed Ali Khamenei, the country's nuclear doctrine has remained unchanged," he said.

The official further noted that with the occupation of Syria's territories by the Israeli regime, a new form of resistance has been born that proves itself in the upcoming years.

The remarks came amid the regime's intensified deadly attacks against the Arab country's military and civilian infrastructures in the run-up and the aftermath of its takeover by Western- and Israeli-backed militants earlier this month.

Also, Muhammad Eslami, head of Iran's Atomic Energy Organization (AEOI), that the West "had problems with the government of Syrian President Bashar al-Assad due to his support for Iran's 1979 Islamic Revolution."

"If they had problems with Assad's establishment, those problems were not with Assad's person and his family due to his companionship with Iran's Islamic Revolution," he noted.

"Therefore, the Revolution's companions should know this that one must remain steadfast in its struggle in support of the elements of their power, and transfer this perseverance to future generations too."

Eslami, meanwhile, asserted that Iran remained commuted to the general frameworks of its agreements with Oman, which have been signed with the aim of expanding cooperation between the nations across various areas."

He added that the ball rested in the counterparty's court so it would act upon its obligations in this regard too.